



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Conservation & Experiential Programming

Good(s) or Service(s): Programming Partnerships

Fiscal Impact: \$75,000.00

Accounts: Special Events 51001.520635; Community Trust Grant 51010.520830

Summary: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) requests authorization for the General Superintendent or a designee to have discretionary spending up to \$75,000.00 through the remainder of 2018 to support educational and recreational program services with a variety of program partners that could include, but are not limited to, artists, arts groups, youth development groups, program trainers, curriculum development, and cultural groups. These program partners would be engaged for periods of less than one (1) year and individual contract payments amounts would not exceed \$5,000.00.

The program partnerships would be proposed or vetted by the Forest Preserves’ Conservation and Experiential Programming team and selected based on community involvement, ability to provide the service, ability to bring a unique program concept to the Forest Preserves, interest and ability to connect with the Forest Preserves’ mission and vision, and ability to bring a new audience to the Forest Preserves.

The programming strategy complements the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan of connecting more people with nature and making the Forest Preserves more welcoming and accessible.

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): Districtwide